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SUMMARY. SECURITY COUNCIL MET FOR THREE HOURS AUG 13 TO

CONSIDER LEBANESE PROTEST OF ISRAELI DIVERSION OF MEA AIRLINER. SPEAKERS WERE LEBANON, IRAQ, EGYPT, ISRAEL AND USSR. ARAB/SOV COMMON THEME WAS THAT INCIDENT CONSTITUTED ACT OF STATE TERRORISM IN CLEAR VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR CONVENTIONS. ISRAELI POSITION WAS THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST ARAB TERRORIST ACTIVITIES INSTIGATED BY PFLP, THAT ARAB GOVTS HAD THWARTED EFFORTS TO WORK OUT INTERNATIONAL MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM, AND THAT ISRAEL COULD NOT FOREGO MILITARY MEANS OF DEFENDING ITSELF.

1. GHORRA (LEBANON) DESCRIBED INCIDENT AS "GRAVE AND UNPRECEDENTED ACT OF AIR PIRACY." AFTER DETAILED RECOUNTING OF FACTS, HE SAID ONE CONCLUSION WAS CLEAR: ISRAEL HAD COMMITTEE ACT OF AIR PIRACY AS DELIBERATE STATE POLICY. HE QUOTED STATE DEPT STATEMENT DEPLORING INCIDENT ALONG WITH DENUNCIATIONS BY OTHER GOVTS, INTERNATIONAL PRESS AND CIVIL AIR ASSOCIATIONS. GHORRA SAID SC HAD IN PAST FAILED TO ADOPT MEANINGFUL MEASURES OR TO GO BEYOND SIMPLE CONDEMNATION; COUNCIL HAD WIDE POWERS TO ADOPT MEASURES TO PREVENT ACTS LIKE ISRAELI HIJACKING AND SHOULD USE THEM. IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID SC MUST BRING WHATEVER RESOLUTION IT ADOPTED TO ATTENTION OF ICAO.

2. AL-SHAIKHLY (IRAQ) DEVOTED LARGE PORTION OF STATEMENT TO DENUNCIATION OF USG FOR SUPPORTING ISRAEL. HE CLAIMED AMERICAN VETO IN LAST SC DEBATE HAD SPURRED ISRAEL TO UNDERTAKE HIJACKING. LIKE GHORRA, HE STRESSED FACT THAT ACT WAS PLANNED BY ISRAELI GOVT. REFERRING TO DAYAN STATEMENT, HE SAID IT WAS UNIQUE WHEN A GOVT SPOKESMAN DECLARED AIR PIRACY AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY.

3. MEGUID (EGYPT) SAID ISRAEL'S BLATANT VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AIR CONVENTIONS WAS NEW EVIDENCE OF ISRAEL'S BAD FAITH IN ACHIEVEMENT OF ME PEACE. HIJACKING CAME IN WAKE OF AMERICAN VETO WHICH "ENCOURAGED ISRAEL'S THIRST FOR TERROR." MEGUID WARNED USG THAT "BLIND SUPPORT" OF ISRAEL HAD GRAVE CONSEQUENCES, AND WONDERED "HOW A GREAT POWER COULD BE SO PARTIAL." HE CALLED FOR APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS BY SC, NOT SIMPLE CONDEMNATION.

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4. TEKOAH (ISRAEL) ENUMERATED PAST ARAB TERRORIST ACTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE CARRIED OUT BY PFLP. HE SAID THESE REQUIRED ISRAEL TO TAKE MILITARY MEASURES TO DEFEND ITSELF. ADDED THAT SC SAT SILENT AFTER "PREMEDITATED MURDERS" OF KHARTOUM, LOD AIRPORT, ETC., AND MEMBERS NOW WERE DENOUNCING ISRAEL FOR TAKING ACTION DESIGNED TO PREVENT FUTURE MURDERS. ARAB GOVTS HAD THWARTED EFFORTS TO WORK OUT INTERNATIONAL MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM; THUS ISRAEL WAS COMPELLED TO ACT IN SELF-

DEFENSE AGAINST CONTINUING TERRORISM.

5. SAFRONCHUK (USSR) SAID TIME HAD COME TO MOVE FROM WARNINGS TO CONCRETE ACTION. SC MUST TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING SANCTIONS, WHICH SOVS WOULD SUPPORT. HE CITED DAYAN STATEMENT AS SHOWING THAT ISRAEL INTENDED TO CONTINUE "ACTS OF STATE TERRORISM" IN VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES.

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